

**Topical Heading**

## Vocational Education

**Program Title**

## Tech-Prep Education

**Also Known as**

Tech-Prep

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.243

**Administering Office**

Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

Awards are made to eligible state agencies for vocational education, which in turn award funds on the basis of a formula or competition to consortia. To be eligible, a consortium must include at least one member in each of the two following categories:

- A local education agency (LEA), an intermediate education agency, an area vocational and technical education school serving secondary school students, or a secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Either (a) a nonprofit institution of higher education (IHE) that offers a two-year associate degree, two-year certificate, or two-year postsecondary apprenticeship program or (b) a proprietary IHE that offers a two-year associate degree program.

Under the provisions of Sec. 204(a)(1) of the *Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins Act)*, to be eligible for consortium membership, both nonprofit and proprietary IHEs (including institutions receiving assistance under the *Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 [25 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.]* and tribally controlled postsecondary vocational and technical institutions) must be qualified as IHEs pursuant to Sec. 102 of the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*. In addition, nonprofit IHEs are eligible only if they are not prohibited from receiving assistance under *HEA*, Title IV, Part B (20 *U.S.C.* 1071 *et seq.*), pursuant to the provisions of *HEA* Sec. 435(a)(3) (20 *U.S.C.* 1083 (a)). Proprietary IHEs are eligible only if they are not subject to a default management plan required by the secretary of education.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Formula Grants

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2004      \$106,664,942

Fiscal Year 2005      \$105,811,680

Fiscal Year 2006      \$104,753,880

**Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 53

Range of New Awards: \$57,400–\$11,260,200

**Legislative Citation**

*Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, Title II; 20 U.S.C. 2371 et seq.*

**Program Regulations***EDGAR*

**Program Description**

This program provides assistance to states to award grants to consortia of LEAs and postsecondary education institutions for the development and operation of programs consisting of the last two years of secondary education and at least two years of postsecondary education, designed to provide Tech-Prep education to the student leading to an associate degree or a two-year certificate. The program also is designed to strengthen links between secondary and postsecondary schools.

**Types of Projects**

The *Perkins Act* requires that Tech-Prep programs have seven elements: (1) an articulation agreement between secondary and postsecondary consortium participants; (2) a two-plus-two or a four-plus-two (only four- or six-year programs are authorized) design with a common core of proficiency in math, science, communication, and technology; (3) a specifically developed Tech-Prep curriculum; (4) joint in-service training of secondary and postsecondary teachers to implement the Tech-Prep curriculum effectively; (5) training of counselors to recruit students and to ensure program completion and appropriate employment; (6) equal access for special populations to the full range of Tech-Prep programs; and (7) preparatory services.

**Education Level (by category)**

Secondary, Postsecondary, Vocational

**Subject Index**

Postsecondary Education, Secondary Education, Technical Education, Vocational Education

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